

Introduced by Senator Lowenthal

January 12, 2005

An act to amend Section 72121.5 of the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 55, as introduced, Lowenthal. Community colleges: community college district governing boards: meeting agendas.

Under existing law, the California Community Colleges is established under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Existing law also establishes community college districts, and requires each district to be under the control of a governing board.

Existing law requires that, with certain exceptions, all meetings of the governing board of a community college district are to be open to the public, and that an agenda shall be posted by the governing board. Existing law also requires community college district governing boards to adopt reasonable regulations to carry out the intent of the Legislature that members of the public be able to place matters directly related to community college district business on the agenda of district governing board meetings and that the members of the public be able to address the board regarding items on the agenda as those items are taken up.

This bill would make various technical, nonsubstantive changes in a provision relating to the agendas of community college district governing boards.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 72121.5 of the Education Code is amended to read:

72121.5. (a) (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that members of the public be able to place matters directly related to community college district business on the agenda of community college district governing board meetings, and that members of the public be able to address the board regarding items on the agenda as ~~such~~ those items are taken up. ~~Governing~~

(2) ~~Governing~~ boards shall adopt reasonable regulations to ~~insure~~ ensure that ~~this~~ the intent of this subdivision is carried out. ~~Such~~ These regulations may specify reasonable procedures to ~~insure~~ ensure the proper functioning of governing board meetings.

~~This subdivision~~

(b) This section shall not preclude the taking of testimony at regularly scheduled meetings on matters not on the agenda which any member of the public may wish to bring before the board, provided that no action is taken by the board on ~~such~~ those matters at the same meeting at which ~~such~~ that testimony is taken. Nothing in this ~~paragraph~~ subdivision shall be ~~deemed~~ construed to limit further discussion on the same subject matter at a subsequent meeting.